

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 1-62 are canceled, and claims 63-124 are new. Applicant respectfully requests reopening of prosecution and withdrawal of the appeal.

Applicant hereby traverses the outstanding rejection and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks contained herein.

II. New Claims

Claims 63-124 are added by this amendment. Support for the new claims may be found, at least, in the original disclosure of this application and in the original disclosure of United States Patent Application serial no. 09/703,057, which is incorporated by reference. Accordingly, no new matter is added. The new claims are allowable, at least, because they recite features that are novel and non-obvious in view of the cited art.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Final action rejects claim 23 for failing to comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant believes that such rejection is moot due to the cancellation of claim 23. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 23.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Final Action Rejects claims 1-22 and 24-62 as obvious in light of various combined references and Official Notices. Applicant believes that such rejection is moot due to the cancellation of claims 1-22 and 24-62. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-22 and 24-62.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes a fee of \$395 is due with this response. However, if such calculation is incorrect, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 59182/P004US/10020641 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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